

**Executive Director Report
September 27, 2007**

Budget

- Submitted invoice to County of Sacramento Water Agency to receive contribution of \$6,300 for strategic plan implementation.
- Submitted grant application to National Park Service for staff support (200-400 hours) for Delta Trail feasibility and planning process.
- Submitted grant application to County of Solano for Fish and Game Propagation Fund support in the amount of \$5,000 for GIS mapping of potential links to Delta Trail.
- Reviewing Proposition 84 as potential grant funding source for Commission programs, including development of emergency planning and response plan, and Delta Trail feasibility and planning process.
- Continuing to work with Senator Torlakson's staff to solicit funding support for the Delta Trail feasibility and planning process.

Administration

- Revising Commission letterhead to include member entities.
- Nominations for new members of the Commission to be appointed by the Governor (pursuant to AB 797) are being considered by the Governor's Appointment Secretary pursuant to coordination with Resources Agency Legislative Director (names and bios have been provided).

Staffing

- Supervising Environmental Planner (Deputy Director, Special Projects) position was filled by Suzanne Butterfield on July 31, 2007.
- Recruitment is underway for clerical position (part-time student assistant).
- One of the two graduate student summer intern positions (UC Berkeley) has been extended for the 2007/2008 school year.
- Process for upgrading Executive Director position is underway.

Legislation

- Provided letter of support for Senate Bill 669 (Torlakson) Continuous Regional Recreation Corridors (Funding), reflective of Commission adoption of support position on May 24, 2007.
- Submitted Enrolled Bill Reports to Resources Agency for Senate Bill 555 (Machado) Amendment of statutory power of Commission Executive Director; and Senate Bill 669 (Torlakson), reflective of Commission adoption of neutral position and support position, respectively, on May 24, 2007.

Projects/Facilitation

- Continuing to facilitate Ag Easement Program development discussions with Department of Conservation, American Farmland Trust, Department of Food and Agriculture and the five Delta county land trusts to draft principles and strategies for a proactive program. GIS mapping overlays have been completed to identify floodplain, elevations, farmland/Williamson act, habitat easements, and probability of urbanization. Next meeting will include representatives of Delta habitat easement programs. Future meetings will include county planners, ag commissioners, and landowners.
- The Working Landscapes Grant proposal is continuing to be revised to assure funding is awarded and allow for demonstration project implementation with Delta farmers in the Fall.
- Delta Trail: Participated in UC Davis Bike and Trail Conference by providing a booth/exhibit; participated in workshops facilitated by the Los Rios Community College District to promote walkable campuses (potential Delta Trail links); made presentation to SACOG Transportation Sub-committee (potential funding source); made presentation to City of Isleton Planning Commission (potential link to Isleton waterfront trail); met with Solano County Transportation Authority (potential Solano County links to walkable communities and transportation corridors), and met with CALTRANS (potential grand funding opportunities).
- Working with Center for Collaborative Policy and Office of Emergency Services to develop outline for process to promote Delta-wide approach to Emergency Planning and response.
- Working with Center for Collaborative Policy and Yolo Basin Foundation to develop outline for facilitating input relative to development of a plan for the Lower Yolo Bypass.
- Delta Vision: Providing input on the Delta Vision process through participation in weekly Delta Vision staff team meetings, and attendance of Stakeholder Coordination Group (SCG) and Blue Ribbon Task Force (TF) meetings. Submitted

letter from local elected members of the Commission to the TF relative to governance (pursuant to request from Chair of the TF). Provided comments on context memos, particularly Land Use and Ag memos. Provided summaries of Commission ag easement program development process and Delta Trail planning process to SCG.

- State Water Plan Update: As a member of the Steering Committee, participating in workshops, and providing outreach for input through distribution to interested parties and postings on Commission web site.
- Participating in the LTMS dredging meetings as a member of the Management Team.
- Facilitating meetings of the Delta Resource Conservation and Development Council.
- Facilitated meeting of the Commission Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee to provide updates on Commission activities relative to recreation and boating.
- Attended SAFCA Levees and Vegetation Conference.
- Attended State Food and Agriculture Board meeting relative to initiating a process for developing a long-term vision for California agriculture.
- Participated in Water Education Foundation Flood Control Workshop.
- Participated in CALFED Science Program Workshops.

Public Affairs/Outreach

- Participated as a member of the Levees Panel (Chaired by Commissioner Piepho) at the CALAFCO Conference.
- Made Presentation to the Yolo County Planning Commission about the Delta and the Commission.
- Assisted in facilitation of tour for members of the State Farm Bureau. Made presentation relative to Commission role and responsibility in the Delta.
- Made a presentation to the Natural Resource Conservation Service/Yolo Resource Conservation District annual meeting.
- Made a presentation about the Delta Trail and Delta Vision to the Delta Chamber.
- Made a presentation about the Commission and Delta Vision to the Antioch Chamber.

- Participated in California Coastal Clean-up Day as sponsor of sites along the Sacramento River at Rio Vista and Clarksburg, and the San Joaquin River at Hog Island.
- Attended Clean Boating Network meeting on Bethel Island.
- Participated in weekly meetings of the Resources Agency Public Information Officers Team.